(b) The Union Government has not taken over any part of the Kerala State Electronic Development Corporation (KELTRON). However, two organisations, namely, Electronics Research and Development Centre (ER&DC), Trivandrum and Electronics Test and Development Centre (ETDC), Trivandrum which were being managed by KELTRON have been taken over by the Union Government in 1988. ER&DC was an autonomous scientific society established by Government of Kerala under the Charitable Act. The ETDC was established with the financial assistance from the State and the Union Government. These two units were not part of Keltron but were only managed by KELTRON.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

DEVELOPMENT OF PSLV

265. SHRI V. S VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the development of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV); and

(b) the time by which its test flight is likely to be conducted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Significant progress has been achieved in the development of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) which is a four stage vehicle capable of launching 1000 kg class satellite into 900 Km polar orbit.

Most of the PSLV modules such as the first stage, solid motor (the third largest in the world), liquid second and fourth stages, the heat shield, electronic systems have been realised and successfully ground tested. Further qualification tests of the PSLV systems are in progress. The various facilities for integration, check out and launch are ready.

The first developmental flight of PSLV is scheduled for launch during 1992.

SETTING UP OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN KERALA

266. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study regarding setting up of food processing industries in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to set up food processing industries in Kerala making use of its varied agricultural products; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, questions do not arise.

CRISIS IN BRICK INDUSTRY IN KERALA

267. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the brick industry in Kerala is facing crisis; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to help the Industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J KURIEN) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above

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